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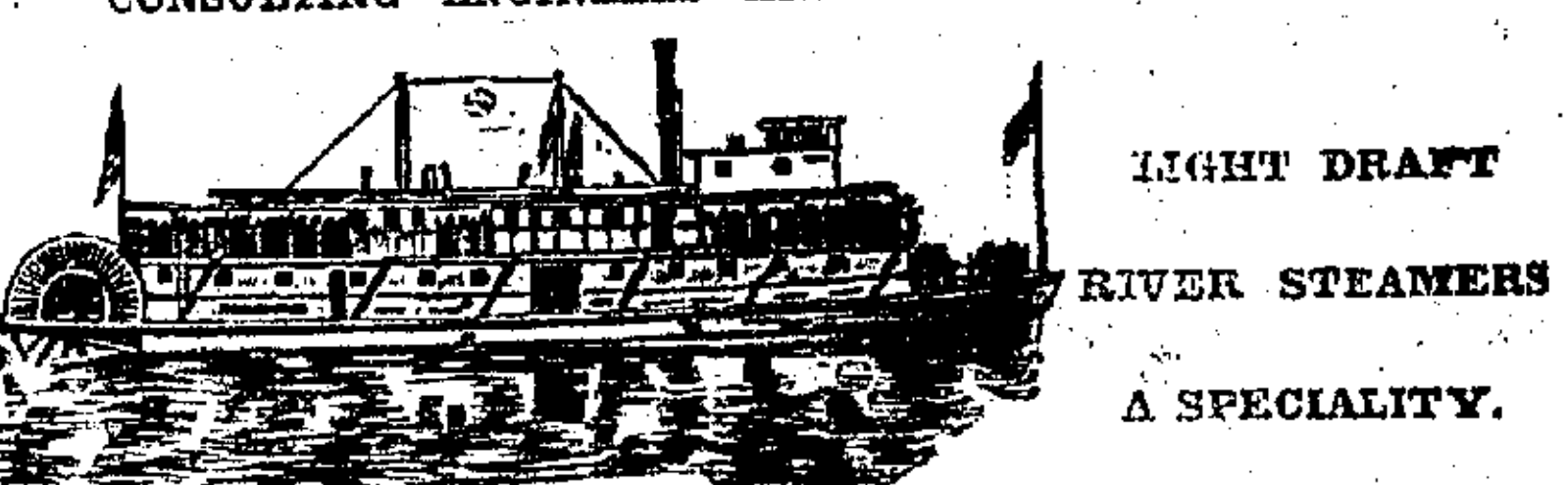
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tions.

No further applications can be considered  
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**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
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Hongkong, January 6, 1904.

**CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND**  
**MORTGAGE CO., LD.**

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held  
at the Office of the Company, 14, Des  
Vaux Road, on SATURDAY, 16th  
JANUARY, 1904, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the  
purpose of receiving a Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-  
ber, 1903, and electing a Committee and  
Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED on WEDNES-  
DAY, 10th January, 1904, to the SATUR-  
DAY, 16th January, 1904, both days  
inclusive.

**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 4, 1903.

**THE KOWLOON LAND AND**  
**BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEET-  
ING of Shareholders in this Company will  
be held at the Company's Office, Victoria  
Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th  
January, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors together with Statement of Ac-  
counts for the year ending 31st December,  
1903.

The Register of Shares of the Company  
will be CLOSED from Friday, the 15th  
January to Wednesday, the 20th January,  
(both days inclusive) during which period  
no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**A. SHELTON HOOPER,**  
Secretary to the  
KOWLOON LAND INVESTMENT AND  
AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.,  
General Agents for the  
KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LD.

Hongkong, January 5, 1904.

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-**  
**MENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEET-  
ING of Shareholders in this Company will  
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES,  
Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the  
27th JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors, together with Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-  
ber, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the  
Company will be CLOSED from SATUR-  
DAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY,  
the 27th January (both days inclusive),  
during which period no Transfer of Shares  
can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**A. SHELTON HOOPER,**  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 9, 1904.

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO.**  
**LIMITED.**

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SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEET-  
ING of Shareholders in this Company will  
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES,  
Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the  
27th JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors, together with Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-  
ber, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the  
Company will be CLOSED from SATUR-  
DAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY,  
the 27th January (both days inclusive),  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**A. SHELTON HOOPER,**  
Secretary to the  
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY  
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General Agents for the  
THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 9, 1904.

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA.**  
**LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING of the  
National Bank of China, Limited, will be  
held at the Bank premises, Queen's Road,  
Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the  
30th JANUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the  
purpose following, namely:—

To receive and consider the Statement of  
Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st Decem-  
ber, 1903, the Reports of the Directors and  
Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and  
Auditors, to determine whether the place of  
Mr. WILLIAM WOTTON who retires  
under Article 133 shall be filled up, whether  
the London Committee shall be re-elected  
and to transact any other ordinary  
business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGIS-  
TER of MEMBERS of the Company will be  
CLOSED from the 18th to the 30th  
January, 1904, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
**GEORGE W. E. PLAYFAIR,**  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 30, 1903.

## Intimations.

**DANCING.**

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8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15  
p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.  
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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## Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting  
by Public Auction Sale, to be held  
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1904, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the  
Public Works Department, by Order  
of His Excellency the Officer Admin-  
istering the Government, of One Lot  
of Crown Land South of Bowen Road,  
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term  
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Particulars of the Lot.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
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sale, in which both the officers were severely  
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of the assailants tried to get him down,  
while one seized his arm and twisted it  
violently. Lieut. Jolly was actually brought  
to earth, and two or three heavy blows with  
lathis smashed in his helmet, and but for  
the lucky protection thus afforded, Lieut.  
Jolly must certainly have been brained by  
the violence of the blows.

While some men held Lieut. Jolly on the  
ground, others pelted him on the head  
with clods of earth, which, fortunately,  
were not heavy enough to inflict grave  
injuries. Lieut. Illins fared worse, for a  
swinging blow on the back of the head  
with one of the heavy instruments used by  
natives threshing corn inflicted a wound  
1 1/2 inch long, cutting through to the bone,  
and the blood gushed out profusely. By  
some happy chance Lieut. Jolly managed  
to free himself from his assailants, and, on  
rushing up to the aid of Lieut. Illins,  
the two officers were able to break through  
the crowd and bolt. Before they had got  
very far they had the good fortune to en-  
counter some sepoy, and the affray thus  
ended before any permanent injury had  
been sustained. Lieut. Illins got his  
wound bandaged and afterwards sewn up,  
and was able to return to camp. His tunic  
was covered with blood.

The police showed great activity and  
arrested five men the same evening. They  
also secured the agricultural instrument  
with which Lieut. Jolly was wounded.  
When news of the incident spread to the  
camp, a tremendous feeling of indignation  
broke forth, and but for the strong counsels  
of patience and self-restraint the offending  
village would have been promptly dealt  
with. As it was, the matter was left strictly  
in the hands of the civil authorities.—  
*Madras Mail.*

**THE ROTORT COURTESY.**  
The humours of life at a German wa-  
tering-place in the season seldom trickle ac-  
ross the Channel, but the *Manchester Guar-*  
dian has got hold of a really good story of  
what happened this year at one of the  
smartest of the smart Austrian health re-  
sorts. The children of a lady of fashion  
were playing in some public gardens, and  
were joined by some other children, much  
more shabbily dressed, and accompanied by  
a mother whose outward appearance pro-  
claimed her to be some one of humble pos-  
ition. The smart mother did not make any  
objection to the shabby children joining in  
her children's game, but when she heard  
them 'boasting' and 'thanking' her savings,  
she was beside herself with rage. She re-  
called the humble-looking mother with all the  
pride of the true aristocrat, and asked



## TELEGRAMS.

[PAR EASTERN PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

## THE CHICAGO FIRE.

CHICAGO, January 3.

A coroner's jury, impaneled to sit in inquest on the bodies of the victims of the Troquois theatre disaster, has placed the responsibility on A. Davis and J. Powers, the managers of the Troquois.

The tragedy grows more appalling daily. The list of dead reaches now 580, with many more hovering on the brink. There is intense indignation in Chicago over the carelessness of Managers Powers and Davis, and if to-day they were tried by popular opinion, they would be lynched at once.

All the employees of the Troquois were arrested on January 1, pending the result of the coroner's inquest.

## U.S. ARMY APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, January 5.

The Senate committee has favorably reported the following nominations by President Roosevelt:

Leonard A. Wood, brigadier-general, U. S. army, to be major-general: the committee was divided 7 to 2.

William H. Taft, governor of the Philippines, to be Secretary of War, Vice Elihu Root, resigned.

Luke E. Wright, vice-governor of the Philippines, to be governor, vice Taft, promoted.

Henry C. Ide, Philippines commissioner, to be vice-governor of the Philippines, vice Wright, promoted.

## PRINCESS MATHILDE BONAPARTE DEAD.

St. Petersburg, January 4.

Princess Mathilde Bonaparte is dead. (Princess Mathilde was the aunt of Prince Victor Napoleon of the House of Jerome, sister of the late Prince Napoleon who died in 1891, and sister-in-law of Princess Clotilde, aunt of King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy. She was born in 1820, was a niece of Napoleon Bonaparte: she was married in 1840 to Prince Demidoff of Russia. There were no children by this union.)

## IOWA CAPITOL FIRE.

Des Moines, January 6.

A fire in the State capital in this city did damage to the extent of \$500,000 before it was extinguished.

## MACEDONIAN REFORMS.

Rome, January 4.

General de Goris is to command the international gendarmerie to police Macedonia and see that the reforms forced on Turkey are carried out.

## The Scottish Sabbath.

The Earl of Aberdeen had an odd experience of the Scottish Sunday on his arrival there on the 6th ult. Arriving at Edinburgh from London with the train due at half-past 7 in the morning, he could find no hansom or other conveyance. Leaving his valet in charge of the luggage, the Earl wandered out in the cold morning along Princes-street in search of a conveyance, but not a cab or vehicle of any kind could be seen. Passing into one of the off streets, Lord Aberdeen met a milk van, and getting the driver to pull up, induced the man to go to the station with him. Mounting the van, Lord Aberdeen returned to the station, and getting the luggage up drove in the milk van to his club.

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|-------------|------------------------|--------|------|--------|----------------------------------|------------------|
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| Albion      | battleship, 1st class  | 12,950 | 16   | 13,500 | Captain T. H. M. Jernin          | Hongkong         |
| Algerine    | cruiser, 1st class     | 7050   | 6    | 1400   | Comdr. R. H. Nugent              | Singapore        |
| Amphitrite  | cruiser, 1st class     | 11,000 | 10   | 13,000 | Capt. Charles Windham C.V.O.     | Weihaiwei        |
| Blenheim    | cruiser, 1st class     | 10,000 | 12   | 13,000 | Captain F. G. Stopford           | Hongkong         |
| Brinsford   | subpat., 1st class     | 710    | 6    | 1300   | Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake          | Hongkong         |
| Brixham     | subpat., 1st class     | 710    | 6    | 1300   | Lieut.-Comdr. T. D. Pratt        | Hongkong         |
| Centurion   | battleship, 1st class  | 10,500 | 14   | 13,000 | Captain Tegan                    | Hongkong         |
| Cressy      | cruiser, 1st class     | 12,000 | 14   | 21,000 | Captain Henry M. Tudor           | Weihaiwei        |
| Cherub      | water tank and tug     | —      | —    | 300    | —                                | Hongkong         |
| Delphoe     | cruiser, 2nd class     | 1070   | 11   | 9600   | Captain Robert H. S. Stokes      | Hongkong         |
| Edgely      | ship                   | 5600   | 10   | 1400   | Comdr. Ernest Barton             | Weihaiwei        |
| Fama        | torpedo boat destroyer | 360    | 6    | 5700   | —                                | Hongkong         |
| Fearless    | cruiser, 3rd class     | 1580   | 12   | 3200   | Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.       | Kobe             |
| "Glorious"  | battleship, 1st class  | 12,950 | 16   | 13,500 | Captain W. A. Carter             | Hongkong         |
| Handy       | torpedo boat destroyer | 275    | 6    | 4000   | Lieut.-Com. H. L. Well           | Weihaiwei        |
| Hart        | torpedo boat destroyer | 275    | 6    | 4000   | —                                | Weihaiwei        |
| Hammer      | storeship              | 1640   | —    | 800    | Comdr. J. D. Dainton             | Hongkong         |
| Janus       | torpedo boat destroyer | 280    | 6    | 3900   | Lieut.-Comdr. C. A. Asser        | Weihaiwei        |
| Kinshasa    | river gunboat          | —      | 4    | —      | Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell          | Yangtze-Kiang    |
| Leviathan   | cruiser, 1st class     | 14,100 | 13   | 31,522 | Hon. N. G. Stopford              | Hongkong         |
| Moorehead   | river gunboat          | 180    | 2    | 800    | Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster         | Macao            |
| Mutine      | ship                   | 950    | 10   | 1400   | Lt.-Comdr. C. W. M. Plenderleith | Weihaiwei        |
| Ocean       | battleship, 1st class  | 12,950 | 16   | 13,500 | Captain R. F. Foster, C.M.G.     | Hongkong         |
| Phoenix     | torpedo boat destroyer | 250    | 6    | 6300   | Lt.-Com. G. G. Colman            | Weihaiwei        |
| Orion       | ship                   | 1015   | 6    | 1400   | Comdr. W. R. Nicholson           | Hongkong         |
| Rambler     | surveying-vessel       | 835    | 6    | 450    | Captain Morris H. Smith          | Amoy             |
| Rinaldo     | ship                   | 980    | 10   | 1400   | Com. J. St. A. Wake              | Fakhoi           |
| Robin       | river gunboat          | 33     | 2    | 240    | Lt.-Comdr. John P. Irwin         | Canton           |
| Rossini     | ship                   | 980    | 6    | 1400   | Lieut.-Comdr. T. Jackson         | Manila           |
| Sandpiper   | river gunboat          | 85     | 2    | 240    | Lieut.-Com. Murray Lockhart      | West River       |
| Sirius      | cruiser, 2nd class     | 3600   | 8    | 9000   | (Capt. C. H. H. Moore)           | Shanghai         |
| Snipe       | river gun boat         | 85     | 2    | 240    | Lt.-Comdr. Davidson              | Zhangzhou        |
| Sparrowhawk | torpedo boat destroyer | 335    | 6    | 6500   | —                                | Hongkong         |
| Taku        | torpedo boat destroyer | 320    | 6    | 6500   | Captain Lewis Bayly              | Weihaiwei        |
| Talbot      | cruiser, 2nd class     | 5690   | 11   | 9600   | Rear-Admiral C. G. Robinson      | Runghong         |
| Tamar       | surveying ship         | 4650   | 6    | —      | Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore         | Yangtze          |
| Teal        | river gun boat         | 180    | 2    | 800    | Capt. J. A. C. Wilkinson         | Hongkong         |
| Thetis      | cruiser, 2nd class     | 3400   | 8    | 9000   | Lieut. Forbes                    | Bongsoep         |
| Tweed       | coast defence gunboat  | 383    | 3    | 200    | Capt. Lewis Stuart, C.M.G.       | Weihaiwei        |
| Vengeance   | battleship, 1st class  | 12,950 | 16   | 13,500 | Comdr. Lt. St. John Farquhar     | Manila           |
| Viralg      | ship                   | 10     | 1400 | 8000   | Lieut.-Comdr. A. E. Barker       | Hankow           |
| Waterwitch  | surveying ship         | 620    | —    | 450    | Lt.-Comdr. Ernest O. Hardy       | Hongkong         |
| Whiting     | torpedo boat destroyer | 330    | 6    | 5900   | In Reserve                       | Hongkong         |
| Woodcock    | river gunboat          | 150    | 2    | 550    | Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville      | Hankow           |
| Woodlark    | river gunboat          | 150    | 2    | 550    | Lieut.-Com. Wason                | Yangtze          |



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**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
Miscellaneous.  
Transfer Books of The China Provident  
Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., closed from  
this date to the 16th January, 1904,  
inclusive.  
Goods per *Arara* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.  
Goods per *Maria Valeria* undelivered  
after this date subject to rent.

**General Memoranda.**  
FRIDAY, January 15.—  
9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.  
Register of Shares of The Kowloon Land  
& Building Co., Ltd., closed from this  
date to the 20th January, 1904, in-  
clusive.  
Goods per *Sachen* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.  
SATURDAY, January 16.—  
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of  
China Provident Loan and Mortgage  
Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.  
9 p.m.—A Concert of Hongkong Volun-  
teer Corps at City Hall.  
Transfer Books of The National Bank of  
China, Ltd., closed from this date to  
the 30th January, inclusive.  
Register of Shares of The Hongkong  
Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.,  
closed from this date to the 27th  
January, inclusive.  
Register of Shares of The West Point  
Building Co., Ltd., closed from this date  
to the 27th January, inclusive.

MONDAY, January 18.—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the  
Public Works Department's Office.  
WEDNESDAY, January 20.—  
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.,  
at the Company's Office.

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**DEATH.**  
(On Christmas Day, at Pandarawa, Cey-  
lon, in his 45th year, Major P. C. GUBBINS,  
Royal Engineers.  
The publication of this issue commenced  
at 5.20 p.m.

**The China Mail.**  
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1904.

We are pleased to learn that our sug-  
gestion that Hongkong should deliver  
itself of a pronouncement on Mr Cham-  
berlain's fiscal policy has been taken up  
by the leading business men of the  
Colony. In another column will be  
found an advertisement calling upon  
the community to join in a plebiscite  
on the subject. Among those members  
of the community who have taken the  
trouble to think out for themselves the  
world-wide effect of Mr Chamberlain's  
proposals, there will be a feeling of re-  
gret that a better method was not  
adopted to bring the subject before the  
Hongkong community. The proper  
body to have focused public opinion  
was the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks  
to the mistaken policy of continuing  
that body as a mixed organisation, the  
Committee of the Chamber has decided  
to delegate its duty to a self-consti-  
tuted committee, which may or may  
not command universal approval.  
As a matter of fact, this Committee  
did not come into existence until it  
had been ascertained that the Hong-  
kong branch of the China Association  
had taken steps to discover the opinion  
of the business community of Hong-  
kong on Mr Chamberlain's proposals,  
and had decided to forward that opinion  
to England. If the decision of the  
members of the China Association has  
not already reached London, it will be  
sent within the next few days, and we  
believe we are stating what is an open  
secret when we say that that opinion  
is almost unanimously in favour of the  
fiscal proposals of Mr Chamberlain. The  
advertisement announcing the plebiscite  
is of a very indefinite nature. No di-  
rect issue is put before the community.  
British subjects resident in Hong-  
kong are invited to come forward and  
record their opinion on Mr Cham-  
berlain's fiscal policy in the Chamber  
of Commerce room at the City Hall, on  
or before four o'clock in the afternoon  
of Saturday, 16th instant. There is  
no attempt to guide public opinion  
in the matter. There may be some  
who are, generally speaking, in favour  
of Mr Chamberlain's proposals, but  
who hesitate to arrive at a decision be-  
cause they are afraid of the charac-  
ter of the port of Hongkong being  
changed in such a way as to destroy  
its importance as the shipping port of  
South China. Had a public meeting  
been held and the views of the leading  
business men laid before that meeting,  
it might have been possible to arrive at  
a decision on the spot, either by ballot  
or by show of hands. As it is, it is  
doubtful whether the British section of  
the community will trouble itself to  
record its opinions as invited by this  
self-constituted Committee.

We do not suppose that even the  
strongest supporter of Mr Cham-  
berlain's policy would favour the intro-  
duction of restrictions which would destroy  
the character of Hongkong as a 'free  
port,' but it is possible to introduce  
Imperial legislation which would have  
the effect of causing other Powers to  
change their treatment of British trade  
and British shipping, and it is not  
difficult to see how these changes may  
have a very important bearing upon the  
future of Hongkong as a commercial and  
shipping centre. We do not attempt to  
cover the whole of the ground, but we  
propose to deal with one or two points  
which may have the effect of inducing  
waverers to support Mr Chamberlain's  
proposals. The sugar industry is one of  
the most important in Hongkong.  
Until recently, that industry was a very  
profitable one to the Colony, but the  
action of 'friendly' Powers has had  
the effect of crippling the industry and  
thereby seriously injuring the interests  
of Hongkong. By legislation, France  
has closed all French possessions to  
the importation of foreign sugar, and  
even Japan, whose alliance with Great  
Britain was never more strongly em-  
phasized than it is at the present  
political crisis, has adopted legislation  
which places Hongkong sugar at a dis-  
advantage when compared with the  
home product. In Japan, there is an  
import duty on sugar, and also a con-  
sumption tax. Hongkong sugar has  
to pay both, and so has the sugar  
produced in the Japanese refineries,  
but on payment of the consumption

tax the import duty is returned to  
the Japanese refiners, a rebate  
which, of course, handicaps the  
importer of refined sugar very seriously.  
Similarly, British shipping is placed at  
a disadvantage by Japan. The trade  
between Formosa and Japan is con-  
sidered a 'coastwise' trade, and only  
Japanese vessels may engage in it. At  
the same time, subsidised Japanese  
steamship companies are allowed the  
free use of British ports, and one in-  
stance of the unfair competition may  
be seen in the decline of the Douglas  
Steamship Company and the growth  
of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha in the  
trade between Formosa and Hongkong.  
While the Japanese Government pre-  
vents a British vessel from making a  
voyage between Tamsui and Nagasaki  
or any other port in Japan, we find the  
subsidised steamers of the Nippon  
Yusen Kaisha, in common with the  
vessels of other nationalities, carrying  
freight and passengers from Hongkong  
to London, touching chiefly at British  
ports en route, and subsidised steamers  
of the same company are engaged on  
the regular trade between Hongkong  
and Australia and Hongkong and  
Bombay. On the 24th of July next,  
if no legislation intervenes, the 'coast-  
wise' trade of the Philippines will be  
confined entirely to vessels flying the  
American flag, and legislation is also  
proposed to prevent British vessels  
trading between the Philippines  
and the United States. Making Hong-  
kong the base of operations, French  
subsidised steamers are competing on  
the Canton River in a trade made by  
British enterprise and British capital,  
and yet British vessels may not trade  
between France and French pos-  
sessions, as that is a 'coastwise' trade.  
In Japan, restrictions are put on the  
operations of foreign insurance com-  
panies. Each company must make a  
deposit of £10,000 before it is allowed  
to begin business. Similar restrictions  
are in force in other countries, yet in  
Hongkong and other British possessions  
Japanese insurance companies and  
banking institutions are at liberty to  
compete with British companies on a  
footing of equality.

Public opinion on fiscal reform has  
not reached that point when it would  
seek to deter foreign competition as  
foreign nations have sought to out-  
bid British competition, but, putting  
fine-drawn theories of political economy  
aside, and applying to this complex  
question the commonsense which lies at  
the base of British commercial greatness,  
we are confident that the business men  
of the empire will eventually be found on  
the same platform with Mr Chamberlain.  
As Mr Chamberlain has shown in his  
admirable speeches, and as Mr Balfour  
has pointed out in his speech at Shef-  
field, it is essential that the British  
Government should have the power to  
retaliate against nations which place  
restrictions upon British shipping and  
raise up tariff walls against British  
manufactures. Already we have seen  
the effect of Mr Chamberlain's pro-  
posals on our foreign rivals.  
His opponents may ridicule his policy,  
but there are indications that the peo-  
ple are with him, and though it has  
taken Hongkong, as usual, some time  
to awaken from its lethargy, it is mat-  
ter for congratulation to those of us  
who first suggested the idea of local  
action that Hongkong is at last  
falling into line with the greater  
Colonies. Small as is Hongkong,  
the opinion of its business men will  
have an encouraging effect upon the  
man who abandoned office to prosecute  
alone his mission of empire and to face  
the enemies of his political enemies.  
In this article, we have endeavoured  
to show how this Colony is affected  
by the methods of our political allies  
but commercial opponents. Doubtless,  
Hongkong's special case will be duly  
and fairly considered when concrete  
proposals are submitted to the British  
Parliament. But in order that mis-  
takes may be avoided, we would  
suggest that the Hongkong Branch  
of the China Association should take  
steps to have Hongkong's position  
thoroughly and lucidly explained to  
the Commission which is now enquiring  
into this subject. The names of some  
of the members of that Commission  
will be found in our issue of the  
8th inst. We do not suppose the  
Hongkong General Chamber of Com-  
merce will consider itself competent to  
deal with the subject, as that body is,  
apparently, not interested in British  
trade; and so the community must  
rely on the China Association to look  
after British interests as such. We

hope that organisation will consider it  
a duty to have the present position of  
Hongkong placed before Mr Cham-  
berlain's Commission, and will not  
delegate the matter to the 'old China  
hand,' who has been the stumbling  
block to local reforms in the past. We  
commend the plebiscite to public  
signature. It can do no harm and  
may do good. At least, it will give  
others than members of the China  
Association an opportunity of express-  
ing their support of Mr Chamberlain's  
proposals.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Obituary.**  
The death is announced of Sir Harry  
Bullard, Member of Parliament for Nor-  
wich, also of Signor Zanadelli, the Italian  
statesman and ex-Premier.

**A False Bank Note.**  
At the Magistrate's today, before Mr  
T. Sercombe Smith, Wong Tam, who  
was charged with uttering and being in  
possession of a bad \$10 note on the Hong-  
kong and Shanghai Bank, was com-  
mitted for trial at the next Court of  
Criminal Sessions.

**Crime Diminishing.**  
In reminding a case this morning at  
the Magistrate Mr T. Sercombe Smith was  
asked to fix it for Tuesday next at 2.15  
p.m. 'No,' he said, 'we'll make it Tues-  
day morning. Crime is diminishing now,  
since we have been giving them the stocks  
and banishment, so we get through early.'

**Hongkong Dock Company.**  
We hear that Mr Robert Mitchell,  
M.L.N.A., who has been at the head of the  
Technical Department of the Hongkong  
and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, for  
many years, will act as Manager of the  
Kowloon Establishment during the absence  
on leave of Mr William Wilson. Mr  
Wilson sails for Europe in March next.  
We congratulate Mr Mitchell upon his  
appointment.

**A Fiscal Story.**  
The following correspondence tells its  
own story—  
(From Sir John Gort to Mr Whitley.)  
Dear Mr Whitley,—I regret to say  
that I rewarded your hospitality by  
stealing your umbrella and leaving my  
own behind. Do not trouble to send it  
by post. When you come up to London  
we can exchange.

(From Mr Whitley to Sir John Gort.)  
Dear Sir John,—As I find that the  
value of my imports vastly exceeds that  
of my exports, I have no inclination to  
retaliate, and will in this case take it  
lying down.

**Robbery from a Grave.**  
It is stated among the native com-  
munity that an unusually daring robbery  
was recently committed in the Cantonese  
cemetery here, says the *Shanghai Mercury*.  
According to the rumour starting details  
have been brought to light. The coffin of  
the deceased, late master of Cheong Jack  
& Co., Hongkong, was broken open, and  
the corpse, clothing and all, stripped of  
its valuables, amounting to a considerable  
sum of money, and even the string of  
beads, used for official purposes, estimated  
to have cost over \$1,000, was stolen.  
Previous to the robbery the two watch-  
dogs kept in the cemetery are supposed to  
have been killed by poison.

**Alleged Embezzlement at Shanghai.**  
A painful sensation was caused in the  
Settlements on 10th inst. when it became  
known that Mr R. Schwind of the Russo-  
Chinese Bank had been arrested on a charge  
of embezzling about £12,000 from his  
employers, says the *N.C. Daily News*. Mr  
Schwind was arrested on a German  
Consular warrant yesterday morning, and  
was brought up before Mr Maes, H.I.G.H.  
Vice-Consul. The proceedings were of a  
private nature, and it is understood that  
there will not be another hearing for some  
days. Meanwhile the accused is to be kept  
in custody at the British Consular Club.  
Defalcations having been alleged against  
another member of the staff of the Bank,  
who recently left for home, a warrant for  
his arrest has been telegraphed to Singapore  
by the German Consular authorities.

**Death of a Merchant Prince.**  
A London telegram, dated 22nd ult.,  
announces the death at Tenerife, of Sir  
Edwyn Sandys Daves, of whom 'Who's  
Who' gives the following sketch:—Sir  
Edwyn Sandys Daves, K.C.M.G.; created  
1894; J.P. Kent; born 1838; second son  
of Rev. C. Daves, Mount Ephraim, Here-  
ford and Longchamps-under-Dean, Kent,  
Vicar of Dithorne, Staffordshire, and Mary,  
daughter of Captain Sherwood, 5th Regi-  
ment, and Mrs. Sherwood, the authoress;  
married Lucy, daughter of William Bagwell,  
Hampstead Hill, Staffordshire, 1873.  
Educated: King Edward's Grammar  
School, Birmingham. Went to sea, 1854;  
was in the Crimea throughout the war; in  
India and China, 1856-65; shipwrecked off  
Sumatra, 1857, and after five days in open  
boat picked up and taken to Singapore;  
established the mercantile firm of Gray,  
Daves, & Co., London, of which he is the  
senior partner, 1865; went to Persia and  
opened branches of his firm at Bushire and  
Bam, 1866; Zanzibar, 1873; large landowner  
in Kent; Chairman of New  
Zealand Shipping and other companies;  
Director of Suez Canal and other com-  
panies. Honorary: Scientific Farming  
Society, Faversham. Club: Oriental, Geo-  
graphical, and City of London.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Notes by the Way.**  
Parcel Mails for Europe &c. by s.s.  
*Coromandel* will close at 3 p.m. on Friday,  
the 15th inst.

The King of Italy has awarded Com-  
mander Gaunt, of H.M.S. *Mohawk*, the  
silver medal for bravery.

It is reported that the China Naviga-  
tion steamer *Asahi* now being cleaned is  
to be put on the Manila run.

The Skating Rink at Tientsin was  
opened on Christmas Day, when the ice  
was a little soft. Skating is now in full  
swing.

At Chefoo recently the sampanmen  
were out on strike, the bone of contention  
being a proclamation by the Magistrate to  
the effect that all sampans must be regis-  
tered, and pay a daily tax of two cash.  
The strike was short-lived, both sides con-  
ceding a little. The sampans are now to  
be registered, but no tax is charged.

Mr R. P. Scherwin, of San Francisco,  
General Manager of the Pacific Mail  
Steamship Co., has been appointed General  
Manager of the Portland and Asiatic  
Steamship Company. This brings under  
one manager all the steamship properties  
controlled by the Union Pacific and South-  
ern Pacific Railway interests.

**Hongkong Bank Dividend.**  
We are officially authorized to state  
that, subject to audit, the Directors of the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora-  
tion will recommend at the forthcoming  
meeting:—A Dividend of £1.10/- per share,  
a Bonus of 10/- per share; add to the  
Reserve Fund \$500,000 and carry forward  
about \$1,400,000.

**Fire at Tientsin.**  
A destructive fire occurred in the  
French Concession at Tientsin at 5 a.m.  
on Dec. 24. The fire commenced in a block  
of buildings occupied by the Singer Sewing  
Machine Co. and the Tientsin Land Invest-  
ment Co. The French Fire Brigade was  
soon in attendance, but owing to shortness  
of hose and other obstacles the water had  
to be thrown on the flames out of buckets.  
The German brigade were sent for and  
brought a pump engine and fire apparatus,  
which soon checked the fire's progress.  
The block, however, was doomed, but the  
firemen prevented the fire from spreading,  
and by 9 a.m. on Dec. 24 the danger was  
over. The damage done was very exten-  
sive, machines of the Singer Company to  
the value of about £15,000 being de-  
stroyed, without the buildings being even  
considered. The outbreak is attributed by  
the *China Times* to faulty insulation of  
electric wires.

**Commander Gaunt's C.M.G.**  
Commander Gaunt, of H.M.S.  
*Mohawk*, who has evidently sprung into  
international fame on account of his action  
in Somaliland, is the son of an Australian  
Judge, says a *Calcutta* paper, and has  
already shown that he is capable of dealing  
with a crisis. In 1900 he was acting as  
Commissioner of Wei-hai-Wei, and sud-  
denly found the island the centre of refuge  
for the missionaries of all nationalities,  
flying before the Boxers in Northern  
China. The resources of the island were  
altogether inadequate to cope, either in  
the matter of food or lodging, with the  
strain thrown upon it. Captain Gaunt  
rose equal to the occasion. He im-  
mediately took over all the boarding-houses  
and the only hotel in the place, and de-  
spatched ships of war to collect provisions  
from Chefoo and similar coast towns. He  
further made each refugee a daily  
allowance of money. It was stated at the  
time that he had entirely exceeded his  
authority, but the missionaries have good  
cause to bless him. For once the authori-  
ties overlooked this assumption of power,  
and Commander Gaunt was rewarded with  
the C.M.G.

**American Flotilla for China.**  
The American Government some time  
ago decided to send out a flotilla of tempo-  
rary destroyers for service on the China  
Station. It is now stated, says the *China  
Times*, that the voyage of 16,000 miles, via  
the Suez Canal, will take about six months.  
They left Norfolk on the 1st November and  
their progress will be watched with much  
interest. Owing to the limited coal supply  
carried by these boats the course across the  
Atlantic will be circuitous. The first stop  
will be made at Bermuda, thence to the  
Barbadoes, from which port the northern  
shores of South America will be made and  
hugged down to ports in Brazil, from which  
the flotilla will steer past the island of St.  
Paul, under the equator, and get up to the  
West African coast. The *Bainbridge*,  
*Barry*, *Chambers*, *Dart*, and *Decatur* com-  
posing the fleet are identical in hulls and  
differ only slightly in machinery. They  
are of 535 tons full load displacement, with  
130 tons of coal on board, and are in the  
best condition for the long voyage, and  
which they will be conveyed by the cruiser  
*Baltimore*, and in command of Lieut. L. H.  
Chandler.

**Dysentery.**  
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intestine is of more frequent occur-  
rence during the summer months. It can  
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AN ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP  
JAPAN'S NEW CRUISER.

**Electric Circuit Destroyed.**  
LONDON, January 11.

A cunningly-planned attempt was  
made to 'blow up' the new Japanese  
cruiser *Yagui* shortly before her  
departure from Genoa for the Far East.  
During the feverish haste necessary  
to complete her for her voyage some  
person gained admittance to the  
magazine and endeavoured to bring  
about the destruction of the vessel by  
exploding the magazine with the aid of  
the electric lighting current.  
An endeavour was made to divert the  
electric current by intercepting the  
circuit with an iron bar.  
The scheme was undiscovered until  
the vessel was ready to sail when the  
sudden failure of the electric lighting  
apparatus indicated that something was  
wrong.  
An examination revealed the deep-  
laid scheme, and it was found that  
although disaster had been averted by  
the narrow chance the electric circuit  
had been destroyed.

[Recent cablegrams have indicated that  
the *Yagui* is the cruiser which was pre-  
viously named the *Moreno*, the *Yagui* be-  
ing the *Yagui*. The *Yagui* left Genoa on  
the 8th inst. for the Far East, manned by  
mixed crews of Englishmen and Italians.  
They are sister ships of 7,700 tons displace-  
ment, 13,800 indicated horsepower, and  
20-knots speed; but their armament is  
different. The *Yagui* has four 8-in., four-  
teen 6-in., ten 3-in., six 1.8-in. guns, and 2  
muzzle shells; and the *Moreno* has one 10-  
in. and two 8-in., and the same number of  
smaller guns.—Ed. C.M.]

#### The Seoul Legation.

SEUL, January 7.  
The American Marines from Cavite,  
Philippine Islands, have arrived here to  
guard the American Legation in this city.  
There is great need of them. Seoul is in  
uproar, as is all Corea. The Koreans are  
desperately inimical to the Japanese, and  
fighting between crowds of these na-  
tionalities takes place daily.  
A Russian regiment is hurrying to Corea  
to pacify Koreans and Japanese.

#### Japanese Troops Afloat.

SEUL, January 7.  
Troopships with 8,000 Japanese soldiers  
aboard are now off the Corea coast, port  
of Masampo. When these troops are landed  
and the Russians are ashore, there will  
likely be interesting complications.

#### THE SITUATION.

LONDON, January 10.  
According to trustworthy diplomatic in-  
formation received (at or from) Peking,  
the Russian reply although conciliatory in  
tone, is unsatisfactory in substance. Japan  
desires further delay in order to complete  
her preparations and therefore continues  
negotiations. The prospects of war before  
the spring continue very strong.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the  
Hongkong Observatory:—  
On the 12th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer  
has risen slightly over E. Japan, fallen over  
China, particularly in the North.  
The high pressure area is centred over W.  
Japan, and a depression appears to be  
moving Eastwards over N. China.  
The monsoon is temporarily interrupted  
over the N. coast of the China Sea.  
Forecast:—E. winds, moderate to light;  
fair.

#### The Fiscal Reform Plebiscite.

It has been pointed out that possibly  
people might interpret the notice concern-  
ing Mr Chamberlain's fiscal policy as mean-  
ing that voting was to take place on Sat-  
urday next only. We are asked to state that  
voting lists are now lying in the Chamber  
of Commerce room at the City Hall ready  
for use.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

**"FISCALITY."**  
To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL'.  
Hongkong, Jan. 12, 1904.  
Sir,—I am glad to see that your re-  
marks referring to fiscal reform and its  
bearing on Hongkong have actually effec-  
ted some good. A plebiscite from the chief  
point on this side of the world may not go so  
far as to unsettle the country or defeat the  
Government; but we may be quite sure  
that, assuming the vote to be in Mr Cham-  
berlain's favour, he will not fail to make  
use of the fact in the advocacy of his  
scheme. It is hoped a large number of re-  
sidents will record their opinion on this  
matter, and I would suggest to those gen-  
tlemen who are leading on this occasion that  
some rational definition be made and an-  
nounced, by which the vital points may be  
easily decided upon. For instance, some  
residents may be strongly in favour of pre-  
ferential tariffs to our Colonies, and hesi-  
tate to support a policy of retaliation  
against ultra-protective countries; and the  
same may be said of others who are pre-  
pared to accept a large modification of  
our old traditions of free trade without  
going in for the fullest form of protection.  
Yours,  
FAIR TRADER.







## Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP  
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE named:—

| FOR                           | STEAMERS                 | TO SAIL ON          | REMARKS                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| SHANGHAI                      | Malta                    | About 16th January  | Freight and Passage.       |
| LONDON, &c.                   | O. L. DANIEL             | January.            | See Special Advertisement. |
| LONDON & ANTWERP, Via         | Coromandel               | Noon, 16th January. | See Special Advertisement. |
| Singapore, Penang, Cebu, Port | G. M. MONTGOMERY, R.N.R. | January.            | Freight and Passage.       |
| Singapore, Penang, Cebu, Port | E. P. MARTIN, R.N.R.     | About 20th January. | Freight and Passage.       |
| Singapore, Penang, Cebu, Port | W. H. S. HALL            | About 21st January. | Freight and Passage.       |

\* Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offered.  
For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, January 12, 1904.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.  
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

## FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

Calling at SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.

S.S. *Amber*, Capt. DUCASTEL, 15th January, 1904. Freight.

## FOR HAVRE, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

Calling at SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

S.S. *Wienburg*, Capt. v. BERNHARDT, 30th January, 1904. Freight & Passengers.

## FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

Calling at SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.

S.S. *Albia*, Capt. SCHNEIDER, 6th February, 1904. Freight.

## FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

Calling at SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.

S.S. *Silbia*, Capt. HILDEBRANDT, 23rd February, 1904. Freight.

## FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

Calling at SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.

S.S. *Bamburgh*, Capt. MUTHLAF, 8th March, 1904. Freight.

## FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

Calling at SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.

S.S. *Bayern*, Capt. MUTHLAF, 8th March, 1904. Freight.

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AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

## OUTWARDS.

| FROM                  | STEAMERS | DATE          |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | KINTUCK  | 14th January. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | PINSEY   | 22nd January. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | MOYNE    | 28th January. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | GLAUCUS  | 3rd February. |

The S.S. KINTUCK left Singapore on 8th inst., and is due here on 14th inst.

## HOMEWARDS.

| FOR                           | STEAMERS   | TO SAIL        |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP  | YANGTZE    | 19th January   |
| LIVERPOOL & LONDON            | TRANSPIENT | 19th January   |
| LONDON & ANTWERP              | NESTOR     | 22nd February. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL | KEEN       | 15th February. |
| LONDON & ANTWERP              | KINTUCK    | 16th February. |
| LONDON & ANTWERP              | MOYNE      | 1st March.     |

\* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

| FOR                            | STEAMERS | TO SAIL       |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and | PINGREY  | 24th January. |
| all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via   |          |               |
| NKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA           |          |               |

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

| FOR                              | STEAMERS  | TO SAIL             |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| SHANGHAI                         | KUANGTUNG | 13th Jan. at Noon.  |
| SHANGHAI                         | KUANGTUNG | 13th Jan. at 4 p.m. |
| CEBU AND ILOILO                  | KAIFONG   | 14th January.       |
| MANILA                           | ANNU      | 15th Jan. at 4 p.m. |
| SHANGHAI                         | CHENAN    | 15th January.       |
| PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, and | TAIYUAN   | 23rd January.       |

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID  
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PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO  
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STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND  
PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| Steamers       | Sailing Dates, 1904.   |
|----------------|------------------------|
| SACHSEN        | WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan.   |
| BAYERN         | WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb.    |
| GERA           | WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.   |
| SPYDLITZ       | WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.    |
| ROON           | WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar.   |
| PREUSSEN       | WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.   |
| HAMBURG        | WEDNESDAY, 13th April. |
| PRINZ HEINRICH | WEDNESDAY, 27th April. |

\* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of January, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship  
BAYERN of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Captain FOMMER, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above,  
Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 18th January. Cargo  
and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th January,  
and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Tuesday, the 19th  
January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than  
32.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.  
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VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA  
via  
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

| Steamers | Tons | Captains      | To Sail      |
|----------|------|---------------|--------------|
| LYRA     | 417  | J. V. William | January 15.  |
| OLYMPIA  | 2837 | A. Dixon      | February 11. |
| SHAWWAT  | 2836 | W. M. Smith   | February 19. |
| TAHOA    | 2812 | M. Ridley     | February 26. |
| VICTORIA | 3522 | J. Trumble    | March 16.    |
| TRENTON  | 3522 | T. W. Garlick | March 25.    |

\* Have no second class accommodation. † Cargo only.

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| Steamship | Tons | Captain      | For           | Sailing Date        |
|-----------|------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| ZAFIRO    | 2540 | R. Rodger    | Manila Direct | Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. |
| RUBI      | 2540 | R. W. Almond | Manila Direct | —                   |
| PERLA     | 1980 | A. H. Naylor | —             | —                   |

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, January 4, 1904.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE  
BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA  
COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| For                              | STEAMERS      | LEAVING                             |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| ANPING, Via SWATOW<br>AND AMOY.  | MAIZURU MARU. | FRIDAY, 15th<br>January.            |
| TAMSU, Via SWATOW<br>AND AMOY.   | DAIGI MARU.   | SUNDAY, 17th<br>January.            |
| FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW<br>AND AMOY. | ANPING MARU.  | FRIDAY, 22nd<br>January, at 10 a.m. |

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Hongkong, January 11, 1904.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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|-----------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| TUJIPANAS | JAVA PORTS<br>via<br>MACASSAR | January 5<br>First half of<br>February. | SHANGHAI AND<br>JAPAN.      | January 9,<br>First half of<br>February. |
| TUJLATJAP | DO.                           | DO.                                     | SINGAPORE.                  | DO.                                      |
| TUJMAHI   | KOBE AND<br>YOKOHAMA.         | First half of<br>January.               | JAVA PORTS AND<br>MACASSAR. | First half of<br>January.                |

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To be followed by the ROSETTA MARU  
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Magnificent Accommodation. Comfort-  
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K. MATSUDA,  
Acty. Manager.

Hongkong, January 11, 1904.

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Capt. HENRY,  
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For Freight or further information,  
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STANDARD OIL COMPANY  
OF NEW YORK,  
Oriental Freight Department,  
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Hongkong, January 7, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
To SAIL, 1904.

| STEAMERS | TO SAIL        |
|----------|----------------|
| SIKH     | About Jan. 19. |
| SAGAMI   | Jan. 26.       |
| AFRIDI   | Feb. 9.        |

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Hongkong, January 8, 1904.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
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THE Steamship  
ARRATON APGAR,  
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Hongkong, January 11, 1904.

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STEAM FOR  
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GISELA,  
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